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n : a rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together [syn: rebate]
 v 1: join with a rabbet joint
 2: cut a rabbet in something

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Rabbet \Rab"bet\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. Rabbeted; p. pr. & vb.

n. Rabbeting.] [F. raboter to plane, plane down, rabot a plane; pref. re- re- + OF. abouter, aboter. See Abut, and cf. Rebut.]

1. To cut a rabbet in; to furnish with a rabbet.
2. To unite the edges of, as boards, etc., in a rabbet joint.

Rabbet \Rab"bet\, n. [See Rabbet v., and cf. Rebate, n.]

1. (Carp.) A longitudinal channel, groove, or recess cut out of the edge or face of any body; especially, one intended to receive another member, so as to break or cover the joint, or more easily to hold the members in place; thus, the groove cut for a panel, for a pane of glass, or for a door, is a rabbet, or rebate.

2. Same as Rabbet joint, below.

Rabbet joint (Carp.), a joint formed by fitting together rabbeted boards or timbers: -- called also rabbet.

Rabbet plane, a joiner's plane for cutting a rabbet.
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rab·bet ¹ (răb'it) also **re·bate** (re'bat', răb'it)
n.

1. A cut or groove along or near the edge of a piece of wood that allows another piece to fit into it to form a joint.
2. A joint so made.

v. **rab·bet·ed** also **re·bat·ed**, **rab·bet·ing** also **re·bat·ing**, **rab·bets** also **re·bates**

v.tr.

1. To cut a rabbet in.
2. To join by a rabbet.

v.intr.

To be joined by a rabbet.



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[Middle English *rabet*, from Old French *rabat*, *recess in a wall, act of beating down*, from *rabattre*, *to beat down again*; see **rebate**¹.]

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Noun 1. rabbet - a rectangular groove made to hold two pieces together

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[groove](#), [channel](#) - a long narrow furrow cut either by a natural process (such as erosion) or by a tool (as e.g. a groove in a phonograph record)

Verb 1. rabbet - join with a rabbet joint

[bring together](#), [join](#) - cause to become joined or linked; "join these two parts so that they fit together"

2. rabbet - cut a rectangular groove into

[cut out](#) - form and create by cutting out; "Picasso cut out a piece of paper in the shape of a guitar"



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